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1. SIGNIFICANT SPEECH JANUARY 18 BY PONOMAREV (CC SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF RELATIONS WITH NON-RULING PARTIES) ON OCCASION FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF LENIN'S DEATH OUTLINES THE CURRENT SOVIET LINE ON THE BALANCE BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. WHILE WE ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE FULL TEXT, FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF THE PRAVDA VERSION MAY BE OF INTEREST. COMMENT WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.

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2. THE POLITICAL-ECONOMIC-MILITARY POTENTIAL OF

SOCIALISM HAS LED TO GREAT SUCCESSES IN FOREIGN POLICY. THERE HAS BEEN A BASIC SHIFT IN FAVOR OF DETENTE, PEACE, SOCIALISM AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES. THE MOST AGGRESSIVE, MILITARISTIC IMPERIALIST CIRCLES HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THIS SHIFT AND TRY TO REVERSE IT, MEANWHILE PREPARING FOR WAR AND STIMULATING THE ARMS RACE. THIS REQUIRES CONTINUING STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST INTRIGUES AND FOR MAKING DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE.

3. IN RECENT YEARS, A NEW FORCE HOSTILE TO THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT HAS EMERGED -- THE ANTI-LENINIST POLICY OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP. STRUGGLE AGAINST THAT POLICY IS AN OBLIGATORY DUTY FOR MARXIST-LENINISTS.

4. BOURGEOIS SOCIETY NOW FACES SUCH A SHARPENING OF CONTRADICTIONS THAT ONE CAN SPEAK OF A CERTAIN QUALITATIVE SHIFT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENERAL CRISIS OF CAPITALISM, AN OVERALL DEEPENING OF THIS CRISIS. IT IS A CRISIS OF THE ECONOMIC BASIS OF IMPERIALISM GOING BEYOND CYCLICAL RECESSIONS. IT IS A MONETARY CRISIS. IT IS A CRISIS OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF RELATIONS BETWEEN IMPERIALISM AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OF RELATIONS AMONG THE CENTERS OF POWER IN THE IMPERIALIST CAMP -- THE U.S., WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN. IT IS AN ENERGY CRISIS WHICH IS TURNING INTO A REAL DISASTER. IT IS AN ECOLOGICAL CRISIS. IT IS A CRISIS OF THE WHOLE IMPERIALIST FOREIGN POLICY COURSE BASED ON MILITARY SUPPRESSION OF SOCIALISM. IT IS A POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL CRISIS EXPRESSED IN A SHARPENING OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE WITHIN THE CAPITALIST WORLD.

5. THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD IS GROWING, AND A FUNDAMENTAL QUALITATIVE SHIFT IN THE CONTENT OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE THERE IS UNDER WAY. REAL POSSIBILITIES HAVE ALSO OPENED FOR THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN THE THIRD WORLD. THE SHARPNESS OF CLASS CONTRADICTIONS IN THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM HAVE

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REACHED A POINT WHERE AT ANY MOMENT, IN ONE OR ANOTHER LINK IN THE SYSTEM, A SITUATION COULD ARISE OPENING THE PATH TO BASIC REVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATIONS. THIS CALLS FOR A CORRECT POLICY BY COMMUNIST PARTIES, WHICH MUST UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT AND REJECT BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT OPPORTUNISM. PARTIES\* MUST LEARN NOT ONLY FROM SUCCESSES, BUT ALSO FROM FAILURES. EVENTS IN CHILE SHOW NECESSITY FOR

VIGILANCE AGAINST REACTION AND SHOW THAT IN FACT THE  
REAL ENEMY OF DEMOCRACY, WHO BREAKS LAWS AND RESORTS  
TO TERROR, IS BOURGEOIS REACTION.

6. PURSUIT OF WORKING CLASS UNITY BY COMMUNISTS DOES  
NOT MEAN A WEAKENING OF THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE AGAINST  
MISTAKEN AND HARMFUL VIEWS OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

7. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 1969 WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE  
FOR UNITY OF THE MOVEMENT IS NOW UNDERSTOOD. "LIFE  
ITSELF" HAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA A NEW, MAJOR INITIA-  
TIVE FOR FURTHER SOLIDIFYING AND MOBILIZING THE FORCES  
OF THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

8. IN SUM, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE THE INITIATIVE. THE  
COMING STRUGGLES WILL BRING STILL GREATER SUCCESSES  
FOR LENINISM. DUBS

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